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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. AUGUSTIN ALLINE, ACTING HEAD OF FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY'S SCIENCE BUREAU, AND LUIS AIGUES, ALSO OF THAT BUREAU, LET IT BE UNDERSTOOD THAT FRANCE WILL NOT OPPOSE PLO OBSERVER STATUS IN IAEA. GOF POLICY RE OBSERVER STATUS IS A LIBERAL ONE (AS OPPOSED TO POLICY ON FULL MEMBERSHIPS IN ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE IAEA), AND PRECEDENCE SET BOTH BY PRESENT IAEA OBSERVERS AND OBSERVER STATUS ALREADY OBTAINED BY PLO IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WILL MAKE OPPOSITION DIFFICULT. ACTING SCICOUN REEMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE TO USG PREVENTING OBSERVER STATUS OF PLO, AND BOTH MEN PROMISED TO GIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO USG POSITION. END SUMMARY.

2. ACTING SCICOUN MADE POINTS SET FORTH PARAGRAPHS 1, 2, AND 4 OF REFTEL TO AUGUSTIN ALLINE, ACTING HEAD OF FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY'S SCIENCE BUREAU, AND LUIS AIGUES OF THAT BUREAU'S ATOMIC ENERGY OFFICE. ALLINE TOOK CAREFUL NOTE, BUT SAID THE MOVE TO ADMIT THE PLO WAS NOT VERY EXTRAORDINARY, SINCE OTHER POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS ALREADY HAVE OBSERVER STATUS IN THE IAEA, SUCH AS THE ARAB LEAGUE AND THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY.

3. AIGUES STATED THAT PLO HAS ALSO ALREADY SOUGHT AND OBTAINED OBSERVER STATUS IN SEVERAL OTHER RATHER TECHHICAL ORGANIZATIONS. HE THOUGHT THAT SINCE THESE ORGANIZATIONS ACCEPTED THE PLO, THE PRECEDENCE SET WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO PREVENT IT FROM OBTAINING

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THE SAME STATUS IN THE IAEA.

4. MORE GENERALLY, ALLINE WENT ON, HIS GOVERNMENT'S POLICY ON OBSERVER STATUS WAS A LIBERAL ONE. CONCERNING THE PRESENT CASE, HE STATED THAT IRAQ HAD RECENTLY ANNOUNCED ITS INTENTION OF SPONSORING THE PLO'S OBSERVER STATUS AND ADDED THAT LIBYA, THREE OR FOUR MONTHS AGO, HAD MADE A SIMILAR MOVE. THE GOF,

HE WENT ON, HAS ACKNOWLEDGED BOTH THESE DEMARCHES
WITHOUT SPECIFICALLY STATING WHICH WAY FRANCE
INTENDS TO GO.
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